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PUBLIC HEALTH

The recently issued report of the Appomattox Health Department was both encouraging and challenging. It revealed that considerable work is behind us, and much remains to be done in the matter of raising the standards of public health and sanitation.

In few fields do we find greater variation from one area to another and from nation to another than in that of health. There are nations where life expectancy rates are far below those to America. Yet in our nation, the loss of life to disease is great, and the loss in productive output and the strain on our national economy on low health standards is terrific. The field challenges our best thinking.

The Appomattox Health Department merits the full support of all our people. Let us work with and through this public agency for a healthier community.

SUCCESS IN THE PACIFIC

Attention has been directed to the Korean War and the battle with Communism to such an extent, and there has been such a tendency to believe that our State Department could do no right has been so pronounced, that the overall success of our foreign policy in the Pacific has not been generally realized.

An item of major importance has been the cementing of ties with Australia and New Zealand. Here Uncle Sam has won two staunch allies, and their potential power in the world of tomorrow makes them valuable friends. They are now bound to us with firm and mutually beneficial treaties. The San Francisco Conference will be the groundwork for a new ally: Japan. It is altogether likely that in the years to come the commerce, the military potential and the friendship of the Japanese people will be aligned in the group of democratic fee nations of which Uncle Sam is the leader. And the military bases which are at our disposal all over the Pacific are a guarantee of our dominance in that vast area. The Pacific has been made into an American-dominated area because of the wise and carefully executed program of our nation in the post-war years.

Much of this result comes from bi-partisan achievement. The contributions of Gen. MacArthur and more lately of the Republican statesman, John Foster Dulles, was noteworthy of arriving at our present high position in the Pacific. And the ability of our government to follow through on the victories of our armed forces in the Pacific, has been worthy of public recognition.

During the next week we may hear many Communistic blasts at American foreign policy. But that will not un-do the sound work of the post-war years and should merely inspire us to carry through to see that the task is finished.

NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

The American Chemical Society will hold its Diamond Jubilee meeting in New York from September 3 to 7. In observation of the event, the Department of Commerce has designated the week of September 2-8 as National Chemistry Week, and the Post Office Department has authorized a special stamp commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Society.

Chemists and chemical engineers will come from all over the free world to attend the Jubilee meeting. This in itself emphasizes the pre-eminent position the United States hold in both the science of chemistry and in chemical industry. Our chemists have been the leaders in a thousand fields of research, some of which have led them into amazing new worlds of knowledge and discovery. And our great chemical industry has been fully capable of putting the results to work to serve mankind.

It is altogether imperative that free, competitive research of this character be encouraged and continued. Yet there are serious problems involved. In a recent address in London, Dr. Robert E. Wilson of Chicago said that competitive research during the past third of a century has raised the standard of living more than in any whole century of prior research. He added, "But just when research is getting more difficult and expensive, we are faced with the widespread weakening of incentives and new threats to individual and business freedom." In other words, progress in this field, as in all others, depends upon maintaining the freedoms and incentives which drive men to achievement. There is no alternative.

HOW'S YOUR 'DRIVEMANSHIP'?

The man who would never think of elbowing a lady aside to barge through a revolving door, or of crowding upon the heels of the foursome ahead on the golf course, suddenly drops all his code of gentlemanly conduct when he seats himself behind the wheel of his car.

He leaps ahead of all comers when the light turns green, he crowds the back bumper of the more cautious driver ahead, scolds him with strident blasts of the horn, then swerves into the right hand lane and passes, throwing an angry look over his shoulder.

Perhaps we need to recapture a little of the feeling that "automobiling" is a sport, as it was in the days of goggles, linen dusters and touring clubs. At least we need a code of sportsmanship—or "drivemanship"—taking our pride not in rudeness and pugnaciousness but in operating the car skillfully and in the manner of a gentleman or lady.

We ought to drive in such a way that we should feel no embarassment if we recognize the person in the next car as a neighbor or fellow worker at the office or shop.
—Milwaukee Journal.

Parents Are Living Longer In Our Modern Civilization

Only about half as many minor children are orphaned each year by the death of a parent than would be the case if the mortality conditions of 50 years ago continued to prevail, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company statisticians report.

In spite of this, in a recent year (1948) about 371,000 children under 18 became orphaned by the death of either a father or a mother. Of these, 239,000 children lost their fathers and 132,000 their mothers—the wide difference explained by the fact that the average American wife is somewhat younger than her husband and lives longer.

Although the chances of death at ages under 45 are relatively small, according to the statisticians, about 90,000 children lose such comparatively young fathers during the year.

"The stability and well being of American family life have benefited materially," the statisticians comment. "Our communities have also gained immeasurably for they have been relieved from the heavy burden of supporting thousands of indigent widows and orphans."

Smoking and Gums

The theory that smoking is a factor in gum disease has been advanced by a Danish dental scientist in The Journal of the American Dental Association. Dr. J. J. Pindborg, of Copenhagen, who conducted examinations of 9,577 men in the Danish armed forces, reported that Vincent's infection characterized by painful ulcerated bleeding gums, was found principally among smokers. The prevalence of the disease among soldiers during World War I gave it the name of trench mouth. Findings indicated that the gum disease attacks smokers seven times as frequently as it does non-smokers. Dr. Pindborg said. He is an official of the National Dental College of Denmark, the Danish National Health Service and the medical corps of the Royal Danish Navy. He reported that Vincent's infection was found among 6.9 per cent of the 6,960 sailors when they entered the navy and the frequency rose to 19.6 per cent after some months of service. For new soldiers, the incidence was 5.5 per cent, rising to twice that percentage after preliminary training.

Virginia's turkey crop is on the increase.

Yankees take 2 out of 3 from Cleveland in vital series.

Travel in Va. This Summer Making Record

Richmond, August 29.- Records are being broken like trees in a cyclone all over Virginia in the travel business this year as the Old Dominion gets well into what has every earmark of being the greatest travel year in its history.

Virginia's peerless highways, recently classed by Governor Battle as the best in the nation, chalked up their thirtieth consecutive month of out-of-state travel increase over the corresponding month of the year before.

"The whole nation is realizing that Virginia, with its wide variety of attractions and universal scenic beauty, is a motorist's paradise," George Summerson, president of the Virginia Travey Council said in explaining way Virginia has been chosen during the last twelve months by approximately 10,000,000 motorists who came with 28,000,000 people in their cars, another record for Virginia. Yet with 35,000 miles of splendid roads, including four great federal scenic boulevards, Virginia's roads have been adequate and uncrowded.

The Virginia Travel Council also reported that doubling of accommodations and facilities in state parks still isn't meeting the demand for vacation accomodations. It also reported that more than half of its natural wonders reported the year to date to be record-breaking in attendance, and the four principal beaches that business has never before been more plentiful. A big increase in accomodations assures the visitors of adequate facilities. Mr. Summerson said.

Still more pleasing to Virginia has been a big increase in the length of stay of the visitor, as reported by her facilities, amounting to three times the record of three years ago. To take care of this business millions of dollars in new facilities are ready or shortly will be completed, including one of the finest beach clubs in the east, at Virginia Beach, and hundreds of new cabin and cottage facilities.

President Truman to address the opening session of the San Francisco conference.

Appomattox High School ready to begin football practice.

County schools open Sept. 13.

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Homemakers' Items

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Have a dose, or a writing surface and drawer, in or near the kitchen. Then you can sit down and do the thinking and paper work for your job. Tie a pencil here with a string. This is also a good place for the telephone and a pencil sharpener.

Keep a good supply of rubber bands in the kitchen for wrapping jobs, such as for items wrapped with waxed paper.

You'll want a pair of kitchen shears to cut parsley, chives, and paper. Wet them for cutting dates, figs, and marshmellows.

Clean vegetables on an opened grocery bag or newspapers. Then when you're finished, roll up the paper with the parings inside and throw the whole thing into the garbage container.

A pair of inexpensive tongs will make many kitchen jobs easier such as taking things out of the back of the oven, turning potatoes while they bake, stirring foods that need to be lifted gently while cooking.

Keep an extra key for every lock in the house. It may avoid a great deal of inconvenience. Have all your keys labeled . . . or marked by a colored tag. You might keep the extra keys on a key board in the kitchen or back hall.

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British purchases of tobacco to help prices to growers.

Senator Saltonstall backs Truman on foreign policy.

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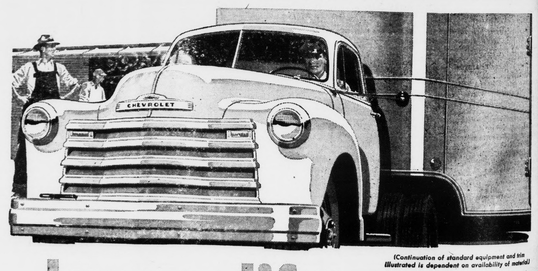

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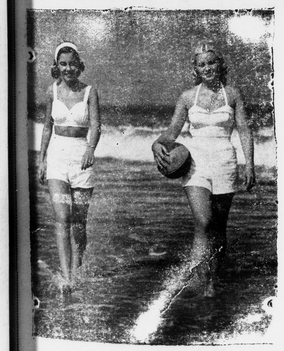

One of the most popular beaches in the State of Virginia is Virginia Beach near Norfolk. Here thousands enjoy the six miles of white beach from May to October. Popular are the sports of surf-riding, aquaplaning, fishing and sailing. Other fine beaches are Ocean View on the Chesapeake Bay and Buckroe Beach near Hampton.

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A large crowd attended the annual revival services at the Promise Land Baptist Church last Sunday. The pastor preached at the morning service and the Rev. Carlton Cooke, of Baltimore preached at the evening services. Dinner was served. A total of $219.00 was raised during the day. Rev. P. L. Harvey, of Norfolk is the guest speaker for the week.

The Springfield Baptist Church reported a successful revival spiritually and financially. A total of $562.30 was reported during the week. Dr. J. F. Rose, of Amherst, was the guest speaker for the week.

Annual revival services began at First Baptist Church last Sunday night. The Rev. W. C. Smith, of Bedford is the guest speaker.

The Rose Land Singers and the Seven Wonders, of Lynchburg, will render a musical program at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday at 8 P. M.

Mrs. Eddie Patterson has returned home after spending a vacation in Conn. as the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sprigg.

Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, of Tuskegee, Ala., Mrs. Vivian Walker and mother, of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Williams, of Roanoke were the recent guests of Mr. and Mrs E. T. Johnson and daughter.

Miss Gere Haskin, of New York is spending some time here with her mother, Mrs. N. R. Jordan.

Jack Watson, U. S. Army, left Wednesday morning for camp He spent a furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Delia Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Johnson and Mrs. Barnes, of Washington spent a short vacation here with Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Johnson.

Professor and Mrs. J. T. Butler and children, of Roanoke spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Collier, of Blackstone were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. R. Q. Lawing Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs Vann Patterson, of Baltimore motored here Monday accompanied by his mother.

OBITUARY OF
EDWARD SCRUGGS

Edward Scruggs was born in Appomattox County in 1873 and died August 2, 1951 at the age of 78 years. He was a member of the Canaan Baptist Church. He was the oldest merchant in the county, operating a business near Vera for many years. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Mary Jane Kelso, of Appomattox; an adopted daughter, Mrs. Helen Jones, of Appomattox; eleven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, one son-in-law, two neices, and two nephews. He will be greatly missed.

Ernest Abbitt, Jr., motored to Baltimore, Md. last week to visit his daughter, Miss Alamentra Abbitt. Accompanying him home were Miss Nettie Mae Harvey, Miss Frances Lanzhorne, Percy McKinney, Carsie Abbitt and James Tibbs. Others that went were Mrs. Modena Jordan, Mrs. Virginia Watson, Thomas Carter, Rudolph Tibbs.

Miss Josephine Johns has returned from a visit to New York.

Gen. Ridgeway puts future of the Korean cease-fire talks squarely up to the Communists.

A build-up of Red power is believed to be developing all along the Korean battle front.

Gambling investigation in Hopewell nearing an end.

Secret atomic tests to be held soon near Las Vegas.

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Family Reunion

The surviving children of the late James K. Harris and Josephine Haden Harris, of Prospect, Va., held a reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter C. Harris in Williamson, W. Va., on Saturday and Sunday, August 25 and 26.

Attending were Mrs. William H. Ford, nee Annie Harris, of Brooklyn, West Virginia; Mrs. William E. Lewis, nee Jean Harris, of Raleigh, North Carolina, accompanied by Mr. Lewis; Mrs. Effie Maie Harris, of Suffolk, Virginia, widow of the late James Edwin Harris, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Harris, of Kimball, West Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. Hunter C. Harris.

During their stay in West Virginia Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Effie Maie Harris also visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ford, at Brooklyn, W. Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Harris, at Kimball, W. Va.

Tropical storm passes over Southern California.

Alaska defense program will cost one billion.

U. S. meat production is up one per cent for the week.

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